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SUBJECT: 1978 GSP PRODUCT REVIEW

REFS: A) 77 STATE 210042 B) 77 STATE 222387

1. THE GSP SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE INTERAGENCY TRADE POLICY STAFF COMMITTEE (TPSC) WHICH ADMINISTERS THE US GSP PROGRAM HAS BEGUN TO RECEIVE PETITIONS FROM FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC RESPONDENTS TO ADD OR DELETE PRODUCTS FROM THE CURRENT GSP DUTY-FREE LIST OF SOME 2800 TSUS ITEMS. ALTHOUGH THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING PETITIONS IS JULY 15, DEPARTMENT WANTS TO ENCOURAGE FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND PRIVATE PETITIONERS TO GET THEIR REQUESTS IN AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

2. REFTELS CONTAIN DETAILS ON WHAT INFORMATION TPSC REQUIRES OF FOREIGN PETITIONERS BEFORE PETITION CAN BE FORMALLY ACCEPTED FOR REVIEW. POSTS SHOULD SUGGEST TO HOST GOVERNMENTS HOWEVER THAT SUBMISSION MAY BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT TPSC MAY DECIDE WHETHER PETITIONS ARE IN ACCEPTABLE FORMAT AS REQUIRED BY REGULATIONS (REF TELS). IF FURTHER INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO MAKE PETITIONS ACCEPTABLE, GOVERNMENTS WILL HAVE TIME TO PROVIDE IT BEFORE DEADLINE. FYI.

LAST YEAR THERE WAS ONLY SHORT TIME BETWEEN ANNOUNCEMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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OF PETITION REVIEW AND FINAL DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF PETITIONS, BECAUSE OF LATE PUBLICATION OF NEW REGULATIONS. AS A RESULT, A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT PETITIONS WERE NOT ACCEPTED BECAUSE THEY DID NOT CONTAIN ALL THE REQUIRED INFORMATION, AND THERE WAS NO TIME TO SEEK ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM GOVERNMENTS. WE WANT TO AVOID SIMILAR PROBLEMS THIS YEAR. IN ADDITION, IN ORDER TO COMPENSATE FOR THE SHORT TIME PERIOD, SOME PETITIONS WERE ACCEPTED WITH SOME BUT NOT ALL OF THE REQUIRED INFORMATION. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THIS WILL BE POSSIBLE DURING THIS REVIEW. (REGULATIONS DO ALLOW GOVERNMENTS TO STATE THAT REQUIRED INFORMATION IS UNAVAILABLE, WITH REASONS WHY IT IS NOT, BUT THE MORE REQUIRED INFORMATION THAT CAN BE PROVIDED, THE BETTER CHANCES GOVERNMENTS WILL HAVE OF HAVING THEIR PETITIONS ACCEPTED) END FYI

3. SUBMISSIONS BY FOREIGN PETITIONERS MAY BE MADE THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE OR DIRECTLY TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GSP SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE TPSC. IF THE LATTER IS CHOSEN, PETITIONS (20 COPIES) SHOULD BE SENT TO: CHAIRMAN, GSP SUBCOMMITTEE, TRADE POLICY

STAFF COMMITTEE, OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE
FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, 1800 G STREET, N.W.,
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506.

4. IN REQUESTING PRODUCTS FOR ADDITION AND IN ORDER
TO HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF SUCCESS, PETITIONING
COUNTRIES SHOULD BE URGED TO REQUEST PRODUCTS OF
DIRECT INTEREST TO THEM WHICH THEY BELIEVE HAVE SOME
POSSIBILITY OF BEING ADDED AND NOT PRODUCTS THAT ARE
EXTREMELY IMPORT-SENSITIVE IN THE US.

5. IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL IF PRODUCTS REQUESTED BY
FOREIGN PETITIONERS COULD BE LISTED BY TARIFF SCHEDULE
OF THE US (TSUS) NUMBER, SINCE THAT IS THE BASIS
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ON WHICH THEY WILL BE CONSIDERED. HOWEVER, WE
RECOGNIZE THAT THIS MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR FOREIGN
GOVERNMENTS. WHILE ALL THAT IS REQUIRED IS A DESCRIPTION
OF THE PRODUCT REQUESTED, BTN NUMBERS WOULD OF
COURSE HELP TPSC IDENTIFY WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED
AND MAKE SURE THE PROPER TSUS NUMBER WILL BE REQUESTED.

6. CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING REVIEW IS AS FOLLOWS:
DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING PETITIONS - JULY 15; ANNOUNCE-
MENT OF ACCEPTED PETITIONS - AUGUST 1; PUBLIC HEARINGS
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